

SENATE REFUSES TO LOWER LIMIT ON INCOME TAX

Underwood Stirs Up a
Lively Rumpus by
Proposal.

WON'T TAKE ORDERS
FROM COMMITTEES

Only Five Democrats Vote
to Assess Incomes of
\$3,000 and \$2,000.

Washington, Aug. 26.—A proposal to lower the present income tax exemption, written into the administration revenue bill by the Senate Finance Committee and stricken out when House leaders indicated they would not accept it, was voted down, 31 to 19, by the Senate to-night, when Senator Underwood offered it as an amendment.

Discussion of the amendment was marked by a bitter exchange between Democratic Senators in charge of the bill and Senator Underwood, author of the present tariff law, who, as Democratic leader of the House, had a prominent part for several years in framing revenue legislation.

Chairman Simmons of the Finance Committee reminded the Alabama Senator that it was a long-standing Senate practice for Senators to stand by the decisions of their party caucus, and Senator Stone, also a member of the committee, declared Senator Underwood deserved severe censure for his attitude toward the bill.

Underwood Resents Dictation.

"Is the Senate degenerated to a point where the individual Senators must take orders from those who serve on committees because their constituents have kept them in the Senate for many years?" retorted Senator Underwood. "I do not recognize the right of any member to dictate to me. If that be treason, make the most of it. No man can question my loyalty to the Democratic party in victory or defeat."

The amendment, which would have lowered the tax exemption by \$1,000, making the normal income tax apply to incomes of \$3,000 for married persons and \$2,000 for unmarried persons, re-

ceived the support of only five Democratic Senators—Bankhead, Hardwick, Lane, O'Gorman and Underwood.

In his denunciation of Senator Underwood Senator Stone coupled the exemption amendment with the proposed assault on the tariff bill, which the Senator's attitude toward the bill, he said, savored of "heresies."

Senator Underwood replied to that by saying that if his conduct in the matter was to be accepted as a proper basis of party criticism of him, he was willing hereafter to stand alone.

Not Bound by Caucus.

"You dare to lecture me," said Mr. Underwood, "because I dare to repudiate a part of your bill that is a stench in the nostrils of the Democratic party. I approve of the finance committee's legislation on this bill in the main, but I know no reason why the finance committee should see fit to arrogate to itself the right to dictate to others."

Mr. Underwood said it was conceded that no binding resolution had been adopted by the caucus on the bill, and that if there had been one and he had agreed to it he would stand by it and "bow his neck." He had bowed unwillingly recently, he said, to a binding caucus on the immigration bill. The revenue bill, he declared, had been "concocted by certain gentlemen in the Senate trying to dictate to this side of the House what it shall do."

Senator Williams, in charge of the income tax section, opposed the Underwood amendment, and Senators Oliver, O'Gorman and Thomas spoke in favor of it.

**WILSON SHIRKS CREDIT
FOR BIG NAVY PLAN**

His Friends Fear It Will Cost
Him Pacifist Vote.

Washington, Aug. 26.—President Wilson's managers have not yet decided whether to run him as a pacifist or as a preparedness candidate. Some of them want to pile on him all the credit for the big three-year naval programme, and others fear that too much bragging about "millions for defence" may cost thousands of pacifist votes.

A bulletin issued at Democratic headquarters here to-day lays emphasis on the "disarmament provisions" of the new navy bill, which stipulate that the big continuing programme may be dropped if an international conference makes possible the limitation of armaments. The way the party leaders are magnifying this provision is regarded as a sure sign that in some parts of the country, at least, the big preparedness appropriations will be explained to the voters as only "paper" money.

Suicide Wills Employees Business.

After writing a brief note expressing his desire that his employees inherit his business, Charles Greenbaum, a florist, went to a room in the rear of his shop at 924 Madison Avenue yesterday and shot himself through the heart. His body was found by Charles Miller, one of his employees, on his return from supper. Greenbaum had been dependent for some time, Miller said.

CAR MEN TO SUE FOR ASSAULTS

B. R. T. and Several Minor
Officials Will Be
Defendants.

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
ACTIONS PROMISED

Victims Beaten by Uni-
formed Employees, Is
the Charge.

William D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, instructed Louis Fridiger, local counsel of the association, yesterday to bring civil action against the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and criminal proceedings against several minor officials of the company for assaults committed upon union men suspected of being organizers.

Proceedings will be begun at once in six cases, while others are under investigation. The six cases include that of Bartholomew Shea, who was seriously injured ten days ago. Shea contends that he was set upon by inspectors and starters of the company in uniform because he was known to be friendly to the organization. He spent several days in bed in consequence of the assault and, it is declared, will suffer permanently.

Men named Sheehan, Hainey, Gallagher, McNeill and Moran have also been severely assaulted, in some cases, it is charged, on the mere suspicion that they were organizers, and in each case, it is declared, by men who were acting under orders from some official of the company. In nearly every case the assaults are said to have worn the corporation's uniform.

"It is by such methods as these that the company is trying to prevent our organizing in Brooklyn," said William B. Fitzgerald last night, "but it won't work. We'll organize Brooklyn just as surely as the sun rises and sets, and when we get ready to announce it, the company will know all about it, and that it attempts to beat us with fists and clubs have fallen down."

"Meantime we are going to see if the company is above the law. I do not think that it is. Fridiger got his orders from Mahon before he set forth this morning to push these cases to the limit, and that will be done. Perhaps if the company finds that it costs money to beat men up it will stop. What criminal proceedings will be taken I do not know."

"The organization is going on all right over there, and I am sure that anything else that has caused agents of the company to resort to strong arm methods and the stationing of men in inspectors' uniforms every-

Edison Ponders; Then Exults; It's Fixed—His Camp Fish Pole

"Burroughs, Ford, Firestone and I Are Going Back to
Gypsy Life of Boyhood," He Chuckles—"I
Won't Even Take a Razor."

Thomas A. Edison sat in his laboratory at West Orange, N. J., yesterday, engrossed in a small nickel contrivance which he held in his hand. He scratched his gray head and pondered. Suddenly his features took on the exultant expression assumed by him in picture players when they say "I have been performed, however; nothing had been invented. Edison merely had fixed his fishing rod."

Efficiency experts may condemn the utilization of the world's greatest inventive mind for such a trivial purpose, for the rod fixing somewhat upset the routine at the laboratory because Mr. Edison's assistants could not attract his attention. But as the inventor says himself, he is in that frame of mind which makes it immaterial to him "whether school keeps or not." He's going camping.

"I'm going to get as far away from a car line as I can," he said, explaining his plans. "I don't want to be near electricity. An old suit, an old hat, a few good French novels and the fishing rod, that's all I bother with. No, I'll not take a phonograph. I have been thinking too much about phonographs lately."

Mr. Edison's companions in camp will be Henry Ford, who is hurrying here from Detroit; John Burroughs, the naturalist, and W. B. Firestone, Akron, Ohio, head of the Firestone Tire Company. Mr. Edison will leave West Orange early to-morrow morning with Mr. Firestone. They will motor to Roxbury, N. Y., where Mr. Burroughs will join the party. Mr. Ford

where they think our men may meet."

It is understood that the plan of procedure against the company will include a demand upon the District Attorney that he have the Queens County grand jury look into the cases, on the theory that enough will be developed to warrant conspiracy indictments against higher officials of the company.

The Queens local of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees protested yesterday to President William D. Wood of the New York and Queens County Railway Company against what they declare to have been the arbitrary dismissal of several of the union men in the employ of the railway.

J. H. Reardon, of the executive committee of the union, acted as spokesman and called Mr. Wood's attention to the fact that the men dismissed were older in the service than some of the others who remained. This showed, he believed, personal animus toward these particular employees. Mr. Wood promised to look into the matter carefully and confer with the union men again later.

SAY AGED WOMAN DIED OF FRIGHT

Police Believe Intruders
Who Bound Victim
Gave Fatal Scare.

Mrs. Caroline Tiarks, seventy-three years old, who was believed to have been tied to her bed and murdered by burglars early yesterday morning in her son's apartment, at 535 West 118th Street, may have died of fright, according to Inspector John J. Cray and other police officials.

"Probable assault" is the cause of death assigned by Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, coroner's physician, who performed an autopsy. He found that Mrs. Tiarks suffered from pulmonary edema and dilation of the heart. No marks of violence were found except a slight scratch on the right side of the neck.

Rope Proves a Mystery.

One of the most puzzling aspects of the mystery concerns the piece of clothes line which was found dangling from Mrs. Tiarks' right wrist. "We have been unable to get any definite information about this rope," Inspector Cray said last night. "Her son Herman thinks he may have seen it hanging around the left wrist in his excitement after discovering his mother's body. He does not remember just how the knots were tied."

"We found no abrasions on the skin, no congestion of blood in the veins, such as would indicate that the woman's assailant had tied her wrists tightly."

A gold watch and silver chain of insignificant value were the only articles missing from the apartment. The theory of a robbery motive was weakened, in the opinion of a score of detectives assigned to the mystery, by the finding of Mrs. Tiarks' hand containing \$11 in a child's drawer near her bed.

Chief Inspector Joseph A. Faurot and Inspector Cray recalled yesterday that the Harlem mystery resembled many reports of the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Griggs Nichols in her home, 4 East Seventy-ninth Street, on the night of September 8, 1915. Mrs. Nichols was found dead after a struggle with three masked burglars, admitted to the house by her husband, Onni Talas. Her assailants were never apprehended. Talas was saved from the electric chair when Governor Whitman commuted his sentence to life imprisonment.

Clew to Burglars.

One clew has been discovered by the police to substantiate the theory that a thief gained entrance to the Tiarks' apartment. H. Rosen, who lives in a flat adjoining the one where the woman died, entered the house at 2:30 Friday night. He says that he noticed a tall, well-dressed young man ringing the doorbell of the Tiarks' apartment. Rosen told the stranger that he did not think any of the family were home.

"Oh, the old lady is always in," the man replied. Rosen heard no noise in the adjoining apartment. He did not see the stranger enter. Inspector Cray said that Rosen's description of the man was so incomplete that a general alarm for his apprehension would offer small hope of success.

Mrs. Tiarks lived with her son, Herman, who has a store at 3357 Broadway. The other occupants of the apartment are young Tiarks' wife and a clerk in the store, Hans Hoelmeich. The body of the elder Mrs. Tiarks was discovered by her son when he and his wife returned from their store shortly after 1 a. m. Hoelmeich, who had preceded them by an hour, told the police that he went to bed without knowledge that his employer's mother was dead. He explained the disorder of his bed and dresser by saying that he supposed the aged woman had been searching for something in his room.

Bureau drawers were open and clothing had been scattered about his mother's room, the son discovered. Her body lay fully dressed on her bed. On the dining-room table was a box of old photographs and letters from Germany. It is supposed Mrs. Tiarks spent the evening examining these documents, which linked her to the fatherland she had left three years ago. Her constant wish was to return to Germany as soon as the war was over.

BOLTS FIRE SEVEN BUILDINGS

Lightning Hits Congregational Church in Middletown.

Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A series of severe electrical storms set seven buildings ablaze in and near this city to-night. The first Congregational Church was struck, and the fire did \$20,000 damage. Most of the other buildings fired were farmhouses and barns.

New York City's industrial farm buildings, at New Hampton, were endangered by a blazing barn. The Goshen Fire Department was called on for help, and succeeded in saving the buildings. It is estimated that the storms did more than \$100,000 damage.

CHASED AND SHOT AS AN ABDUCTOR

Man Accused by Girl,
Wounded, Flees Over
Roofs and Fights.

With two bullets lodged in his body and more from a detective's revolver singing about him, Anthony Schiro, a Greek, dodged and ducked through East 106th Street last night, scaled six flights of stairs, ran over the roofs of two houses and was captured only after a battle in the scuttles of 1697 Lexington Avenue.

He fainted when at last he was subdued and was taken to Harlem Hospital, where he rests under the charge of abducting Rosie Blutinger, fourteen years old, of 50 East Ninety-eighth Street.

Two days ago Rosie went to Coney Island with another girl. Since then she had not been seen until yesterday morning, when Detective Gisselbrecht found her at 104th Street and Third Avenue. When taken home to her mother Rosie told in a matter of fact tone of the "nice fellow" who had met her at the Island and with whom she was going to Jersey City in the afternoon to be married.

She was to meet him at the corner of 115th Street and Fifth Avenue, she said, and after her mother had talked to her she consented that Gisselbrecht go along.

At the corner the detective climbed into a bootblack chair. The girl stood on the corner waiting for her "nice fellow." In a few minutes Gisselbrecht saw two men approach and speak to her. He placed them both under arrest. One said he was Anthony Schiro, a "bus boy in the Hotel Marlborough." The other was his brother John.

After taking them to the East 104th Street station, Gisselbrecht and Patrolman Weirauch made ready to

transport them to the 4th Branch Bureau, that their finger prints might be taken. The van was backed up to the station door. Weirauch climbed in first, then John, then Schiro. Gisselbrecht stood on the step.

The van had lumbered northward to 106th Street and Third Avenue before Schiro moved. Then he shot from his seat and dived over the detective's shoulder into the street. Gisselbrecht was pulled after him. When Gisselbrecht regained his feet Schiro was running west on 106th Street.

The policeman shouted to him, then fired a warning shot into the air. But Schiro kept on running. Then Gisselbrecht aimed to hit. His first bullet, he found later, struck the fugitive in the side. The man stumbled and ran ahead. The detective's second shot struck Schiro in the knee. He continued to run limping, but, seeing that the detective was gaining on him, he darted into the hallway of 1695 Lexington Avenue.

Up the stairs they raced, but Schiro reached the roof first and scrambled over to 1697. He had still enough strength left to fight when Gisselbrecht cornered him and subdued him. John Schiro is held for examination at the East 104th Street station.

**PRAISES WILSON
AS A SAFE PILOT**

Daniels Tells Maine Meth-
odists He Has Avoided
the Rocks.

Jackson, Me., Aug. 26.—Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, declared in a speech here to-day at a Methodist camp meeting that an American people ought to be proud of the country into which they have come.

"It is the easiest thing in the world," said Mr. Daniels, "for an American people to act as to plunge the country into war. But it requires statesmanship to steer the ship of state through turbulent waters and whirlpools on its fixed course. In these days of crisis an excellent

Motorboat Burns at Dock.

Nyack, N. Y., Aug. 26.—The cabin cruiser Bohemia Girl burned to the water's edge at her dock in Nyack today. The boat had been laid up for the season, and the owner, William Loner, of New York, is unable to account for the fire. The craft was forty-five feet long.

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Pure Linen Napkins, \$2.75 to 4.95 Satin damask; reg. \$3.75 to 6.50 doz.	Luncheon Sets, . at \$3.45 to 5.50 13 pieces; Real Madeira hand em- broided; regularly \$4.75 to 8.00
Pillow Cases, . pair \$1.45 to 2.25 Pure linen; hemst'd; reg. \$2.00 to 2.75	Tea Napkins, . dz. \$4.95 to 7.50 Real Madeira; regularly \$7.00 to 10.00
Pure Linen Sheets, \$7.25 to 12.50 Hemstitched; reg. \$9.00 to 16.00 pair.	

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